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Mistrial in **Kennedy** case

Chad Ingram Staff reporter

The Ryan Kennedy murder trial must begin again.

A spokesperson for the Ministry of the Attorney General confirmed that a mistrial in the case was declared March 13.

The trial of the four men accused of killing Kennedy had begun Jan. 21 and was being heard in Oshawa.

A publication ban prevents providing information regarding the mistrial.

Mason Gillard-Gatza, Tin Wai Hong, Raphael Guerra and Nathanial Cain ranged in age from 19 to 27 at the time of their arrests in late 2011. Each is charged with first-degree murder and attempted murder.

At about 11:45 p.m. on Oct. 19, 2011, police and emergency crews were called to a home at 1028 South Lake Rd. just outside Minden where they found two men bound with duct tape and beaten.

One of the men, Kennedy, 21, succumbed to his injuries, the other lived.

A date for jury selection and new trial will be set April 24. The trial is expected to take between two and three months.

Breweries looking to zone in

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

There's something brewing in Minden

At least there will be soon.

At their March 13 committee of the whole meeting, Minden Hills councillors were visited by two micro-brewers anxious to get their operations running.

Blake Paton is brew master for Boshkung

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March Break creativity

Five-year-old Dashiell Wilson of Toronto paints his paper maché, and soon-to-be decorative hot-air balloon structure, during the Art Hive's offering of March Break activities on Wednesday, March 12. Dashiell was with his sister and mother visiting for the week. For information on future events see www.arthive.com. Darren Lum Staff

Kennisis dam gets \$3.5 million from feds

Chad Ingram Staff reporter

Kennisis Dam will be getting an overhaul after the federal government announced \$58 million in funding for the Trent-Severn Waterway last week.

That announcement was made by MPs Colin Carrie and Daryl Kramp at the lift lock in Peterborough the afternoon of March 14 and funding be rolled out over

In Haliburton County, where feeder and reservoir lakes for the canal are located. the Kennisis dam will receive \$3.5 million worth of work.

The dam, built in 1950, will either be rebuilt or undergo a massive renovation, pending the results of an options analysis.

Exactly when the work will take place is

"Parks Canada is determining appropriate timelines," a Parks Canada media relations officer wrote in an email to the paper.

The funding was welcome news to Haiburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin.

"I'm delighted," said Devolin, who has been focused on improving the TSW and strengthening its commercial viability. "And the TSW money is even better than it appears to be."

As the MP explained, the funding announced last week comes on top of an existing fund that Parks Canada has for capital projects.

"I can still get in there and fight for more from the Parks Canada envelope," Devolin

The dam at Kennisis Lake is one of only two in the TSW system that are not anchored to bedrock.

"The dam has an earth foundation which is generally more susceptible to maintenance issues over time," the Parks Canada rep wrote. "While there are some leaks identified, there are no immediate signs of any failure."

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Up. up and away

Madeleine Wilson, 11, adds some colour to her paper maché hot air balloon during the Art Hive's offering of March Break activities on Wednesday, March 12. Madeleine, who is from Toronto, was with her brother Dashiell, at back, and mother, Amy, far right, visiting for the week. For information on future events see www.arthive.com. **Amy Wilson was** born in Haliburton at what is now the home of Canoe FM.

Darren Lum Staff











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Four men charged with pot possession

After pulling over a driver for speeding on Highway 35 south of Minden, an OPP officer ended up charging four young men with possession of marijuana.

On March 10, police stopped a car near the City of Kawartha Lakes boundary. The officer saw marijuana in plain view in the car. All of the occupants, who were from Aurora, were arrested. The officer found marijuana and drug paraphernalia in the vehicle. The driver, a 20-year-old man, was charged with speeding at 106 kilometres an hour in an 80 kilometre-an-hour zone and possession of marijuana. The three male passengers, aged 18, 19 and 20, were also charged with possession of marijuana. They are scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on May 7.

'Emergency scam' continues to fool

Scammers continue to inflict financial and emotional harm by preying upon seniors and vulnerable citizens through "The Emergency Scam."

In a typical "emergency" scam, the victim receives a phone call or email from someone claiming to be a friend or relative in distress. The caller or emailer goes on to indicate that they are in some kind of trouble and need money. Victims generally don't verify the story until after their money has been sent through a wire transfer service or they have provided access to personal banking or credit card information to criminals.

Check with family before sending any money. These incidents should be reported every time they occur, to allow police to investigate and find the perpetrators.

If you or someone you know may have been the victim of the "emergency" scam, contact your local police service or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

Last year's flood 'a kind of red flag'

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Devolin said last year's flood was "a kind of red flag" that the dam was more susceptible to severe conditions than others. Other major projects from the funding announced last week will include the reconstruction of the Bolsover dam for \$24.1 million and the replacement of the deck at the Otonabee dam for \$7.6 million. Swing bridges in Hastings and Brighton will each receive some \$4 million worth of work and concrete rehab at Healy Falls will cost about

Another \$11.5 million will be allotted for dam safety and preventative maintenance for dams, bridges, locks and retaining walls throughout the TSW system. It is estimated that the TSW's infrastructure, some of which is more than a century old, requires about \$300 million worth of work.

The Trent-Severn canal is nearly 400 kilometres long, connecting Lake Ontario to Georgian Bay.



Haliburton Highlands Chapter 54

FREE WALK-IN TAX CLINICS

CARP Chapter 54 is planning a number of free walk-in Tax Clinics to help low income residents and seniors fill out their income tax and benefit returns.* Dates and locations are as follows:

March 18 and April 15 - 12:30 to 4:00 pm **KINMOUNT**:

Kinmount Legion,

11 County Road 503, Kinmount

GOODERHAM: March 26 and April 23 - 12:30 to 4:00 pm

Robert McCausland Comm. Centre, 1043 Community Centre Rd, Gooderham

MINDEN: April 2 - 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Minden Legion, 12847-Hwy 35, Minden

April 9 - 12:30 to 4:00 pm DORSET:

Dorset Recreation Centre, 1051 Main St., Dorset

*PLEASE NOTE: Volunteers do not complete returns for deceased persons or their beneficiaries, bankrupt individuals, or individuals who have capital gains or losses, employment expenses, or business or rental income and expenses.

This program is being held in conjunction with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Preparation (CVITP) program through the Canada Revenue Agency

News

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

Ukraine conflict close to home for Kulas

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has dominated international headlines for the past few weeks, but for one Minden Hills resident, the conflict hits much closer to home.

Bill Kulas is of Ukrainian descent, his family having immigrated to Canada just more than a century ago.

"It was before the First World War," Kulas says. "They came by boat, by ship from Hamburg to Halifax."

They went to work in the mining camps of northern Ontario and northeastern Quebec. Kulas's father, Nicholas, anglicized the family name, from Kolotylo to Kulas.

They wanted to assimilate into the Canadian fabric and culture," Kulas says.

There are more than 1.3 million Canadians of Ukrainian heritage, making them one of the most-represented ethnic groups in the country.

Former Toronto Maple Leaf star Eddie Shack is also the son of Ukrainian immigrants, Kulas, a humungous hockey

Members of Kulas's family continue to live in Ukraine, making their home among the Carpathian Mountains in the county's west.

Russia sent troops into the Crimean peninsula in eastern Ukraine following the ouster of former president Viktor Yanukovych late last month.

Yanukovych is wanted for mass murder.

Many countries, including its Cold War nemesis the U.S., warned Russia not to intervene. There is a long history of tension, violence and oppression between Russia and Ukraine, dating back centuries.

Ukrainians refer to as the Holodomor.

"The meaning of the word Holodomor in Ukrainian is extermination by hunger," Kulas says.

The Holodomor was a manufactured famine engineered by Russian leader Joseph Stalin that killed an estimated 7.5 million Ukrainians during 1932 and 1933.



During the Cold War the schools were headed by Russians. They were trying to eradicate the Ukrainian language, culture and history.

— Bill Kulas



Chad Ingram Staff

One of the most horrific modern atrocities was what the With the ongoing conflict in Crimea, Bill Kulas's thoughts have been on Ukraine, where members of his family live.

Many people know Kulas as a realtor. What they may not know is that he's also a vault of Eastern European history.

There was widespread Russification in Ukraine throughout the decades of the Cold War with policies designed to force Russian language and culture on the population.

"During the Cold War the schools were headed by Russians," Kulas says. "They were trying to eradicate the Ukrainian language, culture and history."

A relative of Kulas's, an academic named John Kolaskys, wrote a book on the subject.

It was titled Education in the Soviet Union: A Study in Discrimination and Russification.

"The Russian KGB came to his mother's house on Augusta Avenue in Toronto and tried to bribe him in order that he not publish his findings," Kulas says. "But his strong conviction to do what was right prevailed."

Kulas isn't shy about his thoughts on Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"He's a Cold War warrior," he says.

During the weekend, a referendum that is not being recognized as legitimate by the West was held in Crimea.

Crimean leaders are saying that 97 per cent of voters indicated they wanted to secede from Ukraine. Remaining part of Ukraine was not a possibility on the ballots.

"The referendum was a farce and an insult to the Ukraine," Kulas says. "Canada, the United States and the E.U. are not recognizing the validity of the referendum. Contravenes international law. You had two choices and both were yes.'

Kulas is hoping that dialogue, diplomacy, common sense and decency will prevail and that an all-out war can be

"I hope that there's no blood shed," he said, "and that Putin realizes that he's going to isolate himself and his country.

Russia had troops in an area on the Ukraine mainland west of Crimea during the weekend and the U.S. and E.U. are imposing further sanctions against Russia.

Minden Hills to hire Intelivote for election

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

Chief administrative officer Nancy Wright-Laking is recommending the township hire Darmouth-based company Intelivote to provide Internet and phone voting services for October's municipal election.

Minden Hills council flip-flopped on choosing a voting method late last year, first deciding to stay with mail-in ballots and then choosing electronic and telephone voting as alternative methods.

It will be the first time Internet/phone voting has been used in the township.

Intelivote had the most expensive bid of the three com-

panies with qualified proposals.

The total will be \$32,259 plus \$4,286 in HST for a total of

Bids from Dominion Voting and Scyti had totals of

\$35,330 and \$29,930 respectively.

"Staff are recommending Intelivote be chosen due to their strong reputation with communities of similar size to Minden Hills in Ontario," Wright-Laking wrote in a report. "The two other companies who submitted proposals do not have the same experience in running electronic elections as Intelivote, with Dominion specializing in large municipalities and Scyti having yet to administer Internet/telephone voting in an Ontario municipality."

The company provided a list of 34 municipalities that used its services in the last election.

"Staff were able to determine from the list who ran an Internet/telephone election with a paper ballot component as well," Wright-Laking wrote. "The clerks of these municipalities were contacted and all provided very positive reviews of their experience with Intelivote."

The Minden Hills election will have a walk-in voting booth for those who wish to cast ballots by hand.

Wright-Laking was clerk for the City of Peterborough when it became one of the first municipalities in the country to use Internet voting in 2006 and has been an advocate for the method.

The county's other townships are sticking with mail-in

county news

Conference costs taxpayers \$17,700

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

A group of 13 representatives from the county of Haliburton travelled to Toronto for the annual Ontario Good Roads Association/Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference, costing taxpayers more than \$17,700.

The total is likely much closer to \$20,000, though that can't yet be said with certainty as some attendees have yet to file their expenses with their respective municipality.

The conference was attended by all four of the county's reeves, two deputy-reeves, one municipal councillor, Haliburton County chief administrative officer Jim Wilson and three county roads department employees.

Two lower tier department heads also attended: operations manager Mike Thomas from Algonquin Highlands and roads superintendent Kevin Hill from Minden Hills.

The biggest expense came from conference registration fees, which cost around \$8,000, for the four-day conference from Feb. 23 to 26 at the Fairmont Royal York hotel.

The second biggest expense was accommodation fees, with the majority of politicians and staff choosing to stay at the Fairmont for three consecutive nights, at \$200 a night plus tax, totalling \$633.06, according to county treasurer Laura Janke.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey opted to stay at a different downtown hotel for two nights

at \$89 a night plus tax, totalling \$185.94, said lanke.

All those who attended drove in separate vehicles, some personal while a few staff took a work vehicle, which is encouraged, said Janke. More than \$1,400 in mileage was expensed to the county, as well as about \$1,000 in parking during the four-day period.

The meal expenses varied from each attendee, however, policy dictates each individual is permitted no more than \$75 a day for meals.

This is broken down to \$15 for breakfast, \$25 for lunch and \$35 for dinner, all of which must include taxes and gratuities, said Janke.

"If some of them got taken out somewhere then they wouldn't submit a receipt for that bill," she said, adding it's common for politicians and staff to be treated to meals.

Alcohol purchases are not covered by the county. County policy also dictates that expenses accrued by spouses or companions are not covered. The department head or CAO decides who will attend the conference.

It is common for the county to send more than one roads representative, said Wilson.

"It's an opportunity for the staff to go meet with suppliers and look at new products," he said. "A lot of the sessions are geared more to the technical end." The cost to cover staff must come from the roads department's budget, said Wilson.

The county covered the four reeves' costs, Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen, Wilson, and road department employees Roy Haig, Doug Ray and Sylvin Cloutier.

"At the county you are allowed to attend one [conference per year], with the warden exempt from that and allowed to go to however many they feel necessary," said Janke.

According to county policy, either the reeve or deputy-reeve is permitted to attend two conferences or they could each attend one conference, however, no more than two conferences per municipality per year will be reimbursed. All county employees may attend two relevant conferences per year, approved by the department head or CAO.

The CAO can attend as many conferences as deemed appropriate, subject to budget limitation, according to the policy.

It is the policy of the county to encourage its elected officials and staff to participate in annual conferences, according to the conference procedure manual.

The policy does not include any references to encouraging car-pooling, to reduce mileage or parking expenses. Dysart et al covered Deputy-reeve Bill Davis's expenses, while Highlands East covered Councillor Cec Ryall.

Thomas and Hill filed their expenses to the municipalities for which they work.

As of press time Ryall and Davis had not submitted their expenses.

Davis has been out of the country on vacation for the past two weeks, according to Dysart chief administrative officer Tamara Wilbee.

Haliburton County suiting up for Roots brand clothing

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

County councillors had a look at drawings for the line of #MyHaliburtonHighlands clothing it is commissioning from Canadian clothier Roots during a March 12 meeting of the tourism committee.

The county will be embarking on a pilot project with the company, selling the clothing out of the tourism information office along Highway 35 in Minden.

"This was quite an intensive project," tourism director Amanda Ranson told councillors. "Roots did not just hand us this collection."

The company has recommended a pilot project based on a minimum order. That inventory would cost the county about \$9,200 and it would profit about \$7,300 if all the clothing sells.

The order Roots is suggesting would include unisex full-zip hoodies, kanga hoodies (no zipper) and quarter-zip polo sweaters, as well as men's and women's crew-neck T-shirts, as well as backpacks and caps.

"They really educated me on what they thought would sell," Ranson said.

Because people buying the merchandise will be in cottage mode, comfy is the order of the day.

Since the info office doesn't have change rooms, it was suggested pants would not sell well.

There were also a few takes on the county's new tourism logo, one that had the word "Highlands" spelled in blocky, collegiate-style font common to Roots clothing.

"I do not agree with changing the logo," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid, a former professional marketer. "It's marketing 101. Do not change the logo."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt agreed.

While specific prices have not been determined, Ranson said the clothing would be sold at the typical Roots price point.

"But keep in mind, it's made in Canada, it's quality," she said.

The only items not made in the country are the backpacks and hats, which councillors said they were OK with.

Display shelving for the clothing will be installed in the info centre.

To see drawings of the clothing, search the March 12 tourism committee agenda on the county website.



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— Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid

County ups lobby against OPP formula

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

Haliburton County will be reaching out to its residents, asking them to help it lobby against the new OPP billing formula slated to take effect in 2015.

That formula, which attempts to equalize policing payments throughout the province on a per household basis, would bolster yearly OPP costs in Haliburton County from \$3.3 to \$8.5 million, equating to tax increases of between 20 and 36 per cent in its four lower tier townships.

County councillors, after an unsuccessful delegation to the minister of community safety at the recent Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference in Toronto, held a special meeting March 12.

They decided to request that each of their lower tier councils support a direct mail-out campaign to their residents, urging them to write letters to the province in protest of the proposed framework.

"Right now we've got the OPP saying it's going to happen, we've got the ministry saying it's going to happen, said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid, who is the county's representative on an OPP billing steering committee established by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. "The only way to change that is to make it a political threat."

Paul MacInnes is president of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations and was at Wednesday's meeting.

The association represents dozens of lake associations throughout the county.

"We've been trying to get as much from inside the government as we possibly can," MacInnes said.

"The feedback we got from our contacts is that, at this point in time, it doesn't matter what we say. The bureaucracy is already done."

Still, the CHA has been urging members to write letters to the province.

"The response has been phenomenal," MacInnes said, adding he was notified of more than 400 responses that went to the Premier.

MacInnes has been in touch with association for Lake of Bays, which straddles Haliburton and the District of Muskoka, urging it to take action as well.

Muskoka would be the only municipality worse off than Haliburton County by the proposed framework, with its yearly OPP costs jumping from \$9.7 to \$17 million.

One-hundred-ninety municipalities would see their costs increase.

Rosemarie Jung, manager of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, was also at the meeting.

Jung said the chamber will be reaching out to its 350 members and was hoping to organize a day of action, where members would call the province and explain how the formula would impact them.

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton said he thought there should be consistency in the mail-outs between the four townships.

Councillors have stressed the issue is with the provincial government and not officers themselves.

"Our fight is not with the local police," Burton said.

County councillors will be taking the mail-out idea to their lower-tier townships for approval at their next scheduled council meetings. Just how police billing got to its current state, where fees seem to be charged lopsidedly, has not been made perfectly clear and is part of what the AMO steering committee is trying to establish.

AMO pushes back against tightening oversight

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

The provincial government wants to tighten its reins over Ontario's municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario is taking issue with that.

Councillors on Haliburton County's finance and correspondence committee received a notice from AMO's communications department at their March 12 meeting.

According to the notice, Premier Kathleen Wynne has said the government intends to create new accountability measures for municipalities and increase the scope of its oversight.

"Municipalities would be required to create new processes to review complaints about service delivery, or choose to have service complaints investigated by the office of Ontario's ombudsman," the notice read. "Furthermore, municipal service complaint processes and investigations carried out by anyone other than the provincial ombudsman, could be subjected to 'review' by his office."

The AMO intends to keep municipalities informed of the details of the province's proposal as they become available.

"The Ontario government would layer provincial oversight and new administrative processes on municipal government," the notice

continued. "It represents duplication and inefficiency, and importantly, it suggests what Wynne's government does not trust in the capacity of municipal government to expose and address questions about performance and integrity."

Councillors were supportive of AMO.

"It seems to me the government is focusing on issues that certainly can't be on their top 100 list," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid.

"I think they're trying to get the ombudsman to look away from them," Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey quipped.

Reid questioned whether the proposed changes contravened the Municipal Act.

Minden Hills plans for more microbreweries

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Brewing Co., housed at Rhubarb restaurant in Carnarvon, and Wayne Hancock's family owns the store and gas station along County Road 503 in Irondale, where he intends to set up Hancock's Micro-

Hancock explained he'd been turned down by the province for an LCBO outlet at his store location, but had been approved for a microbrewery.

"There are a variety of zonings that do allow for microbreweries,"

Minden Hills planning administrator Adam King had drawn up a report on a potential zoning bylaw amendment for microbreweries in the township.

Currently, Minden Hills's zoning bylaw does not mention microbreweries or contain provisions

"There is no defined approach for this that I can find," King told councillors, explaining he'd researched municipalities with microbreweries.

The simplest option, the one preferred by both Paton and Hancock, was for the township to permit microbreweries in all zones permitting restaurants, while planning to incorporate policies for microbreweries into the next zoning bylaw update.

An update of Minden Hills's zoning bylaw will likely take place within the next couple of years.

However, King perceived some potential problems allowing microbreweries in any zone where a restaurant is located.

"If we permit microbreweries in all zones, we could get an application to open a microbrewery at a lakeside restaurant," he said.

This could have potential environmental effects, as well as odour concerns for adjacent property owners during brewing times, King said.

Depending on size, some microbreweries could be seen as industrial-scale operations, he added, noting the growth of the popular Lake of Bays brewery has included a grain silo, enlarging its parking lot and a larger restaurant.

Another option before council was to require Paton and Hancock to apply for site-specific zoning amendments for their facilities, which would require a \$2,500 application fee and take a number

King said he could probably create a joint site-specific amendment that would allow the brewers to split the cost.

Councillor Larry Clarke thought council should go with this option, saying it was the best solution for the township in terms of proper long-term planning.

The majority of councillors, while seeing the need to protect the township against hastily planned and implemented microbreweries, were keen to find a solution that would allow Paton and Hancock to get their operations running as soon as possible.

Hancock had been hoping for a May 1 opening and Paton also planned to start brewing in time for the summer season.

King said another option would be to allow microbreweries in any zone allowing restaurants for the time being, while initiating a zoning bylaw amendment to add policies for microbreweries to the bylaw.

'We're opening a window that we have to leave open for a while," King said.

The amendment could take up to six months.

Councillors agreed it would be unlikely there would be a string of microbrewery applications in the meantime and agreed to move forward with that plan.

They will vote to officially give that direction at their regular meeting of council late this month.



Zach Cox Staff

Artist David Alexander Risk and his wolf teach kids how to draw wildlife, explaining that "learning to draw begins with learning to see." Risk, who has been working with children for 35 years, gave free kids art and nature lessons at the Minden and Haliburton branches of the Haliburton County Public Library on Wednesday, March



Grace Allder thinks about her artwork as she learns how to sketch wildlife with artist David Alexander Risk.

Wild art classes held at libraries

Zach Cox

Staff reporter

The Minden and Dysart branches of the Haliburton County Public Library were filled with wild things on Wednesday,

The March Break Wednesday found wildlife artist David Alexander Risk giving free kids' art and nature classes in Minden during the morning and in Haliburton during the afternoon.

Risk, who has been working with children for 35 years, was accompanied by a large taxidermy wolf as he outlined the principles of wildlife drawing and painting.

"Learning to draw begins with learning to see," he explained as attendees drew the shape of a tangled rope without looking at their

He proceeded to further train the observational skills of his classes by tossing various objects into the air and having the kids describe and sketch them.

The classes provided plenty of tips from the experienced artist and there were a variety of prizes

Each child also left with a specially signed print from Risk.



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our editorial

Here's to beer

Chad Ingram

Reporter

EER IS PROOF that God loves us and wants us to be

happy. Ben Franklin said that, or at least it's commonly attributed to him.

Franklin is one of those historic figures like Mark Twain who are copiously credited with quotes they may or may not have actually uttered.

Anyway, where was I?

Oh yeah. Beer.

Amber nectar. Brown pop. Barley soda. Brewskies. Cold ones. Suds. Happy water.

Readers may be familiar with the stuff.

Small breweries are popping up in Haliburton County in a big way and, whether one is a cold coffee connoisseur or not, the news is good.

In Dysart et al, Haliburton Highlands Brewery has set up shop at the Abbey Gardens building.

In Minden Hills, the Boshkung Brewing Co. is co-habitating with the newly relocated Rhubarb restaurant in Carnarvon and Hancock's Microbrewery will be letting it flow in Irondale.

There was an interesting planning discussion (yes, that seems like an oxymoron) at a Minden Hills council meeting last week about the zoning direction the township could take to allow these breweries to get boiling batches as soon as possible, while protecting the municipality from unwanted

development.

Councillors were happy to open

the township's doors to micro-brewing, a new form of commercial operation for the area.

With the popularity of craft beers exploding during the past couple of decades, local beers will be good for the economy and add a hoppy flavour to the county's tourism identity.

Part of that identity, which has been growing (organically, of course)

in recent years, is the local food movement.

From the Haliburton County Garlic Growers Association to Abbey Gardens to the expanding Haliburton County Farmers' Market, there is a growing appetite and support in the community for locally produced foods.

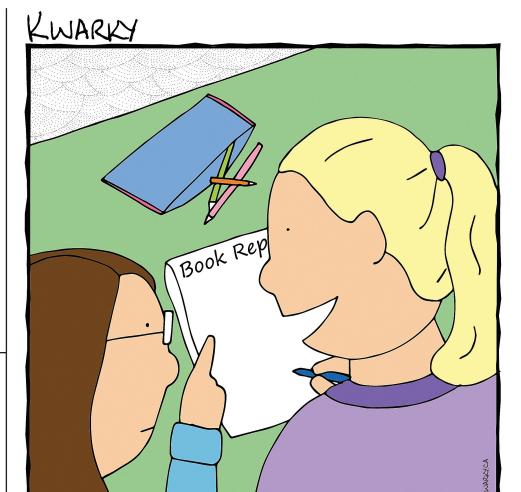
Locally brewed beer should make a nice pairing.

The county tourism department is working with three central pillars of arts and culture, outdoor adventure and food, and beer certainly falls smack dab into the culinary category.

Microbreweries are cottage industry in cottage country. Which just kind of makes sense.

Whether it's a light, pale lager on the dock on a July afternoon or a dark ale around the bonfire, beer is an inextricable part of the cottaging experience for many.

So let's drink it up. Here's to beer.



"IS IT WRITER'S BLOCK WHEN I HAVEN'T READ THE BOOK?"

letters to the editor

Generosity keeps Red Wolves moving

To the Editor,

The Red Wolves, athletes of Special Olympics Ontario, would like to thank all of the businesses and individuals who donated amazing items and experiences (ie. bike, golf and ski passes) for their fundraiser. The loonie auction, country auction and silent auction raised money that will used for uniforms, equipment,

fees and transportation costs related to various activities. Your generosity ensures the continuation of all the programs.

"To give without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own." – Anne Morrow Lindberg

> Judith Fisher and Leona Carter Red Wolves volunteers

Mental health in the workplace

Lisa van der Vinne

Health Promoter-HKPRD Health Unit

Don't bother to stroll onto a construction site without a hard hat or steel-toed boots. In a hospital or doctor's office, the use of gloves or masks is standard procedure. If these types of proper safety equipment are not worn at work, there can be major health and safety concerns.

Why?

Workplaces are legally responsible to follow certain health and safety standards. They can be held accountable if an employee gets injured or if the rules are not followed to the letter of the law. It is also sensible for organizations to look after one of their biggest assets... their employees.

Why then is so little heed given to an employee's mental health and safety?

Mental health problems can be costly for workplaces. The Mental Health Commission of Canada (www.mentalhealthcommission.ca) pegs the economic costs of mental health problems in Canada at approximately \$50-billion per year. It also estimates one in five Canadians will experience a mental health problem. This can lead to reduced productivity, increased absenteeism and greater workplace conflict.

Organizations need to make workplace men-

tal health part of their business. It doesn't matter if a workplace is large or small, public or private. There are many benefits that come with developing business strategies to help identify and reach goals around mental health well-being.

By learning and implementing practical strategies, organizations can reap rewards by helping to prevent work stress, address mental health stigma, support employees with mental health concerns, preserve workplace civility, restore productivity, and attain a psychologically safe and healthy workplace.

Put another way, psychologically safe workplaces create a supportive work environment that protects and promotes mental health.

There are many excellent resources available to help organizations address workplace mental health. Recently, the federal government and industry partners unveiled the National Standard on Psychological Health and Safety in the Workplace.

The voluntary standard is the first of its kind in the world, and provides tools and resources to help workplaces promote and improve their approach to mental well-being among workers. For more information about the standard and other free resources that support mental health at work, call the health unit at 1-866-888-4577 or visit www.solutions2workstress.ca

points of view

Carrotgate

Steve Galea

Beyond 35

ECENTLY, and perhaps to the great surprise of no one but me, a crack team of investigative journalists at the *Huffington Post* revealed that baby carrots are, in fact, parts of whole carrots that have been cut down and shaped to look like cute, little orange babies.

And just like that I'm no longer in the running for a Pulitzer Prize.

Even so, they've done us all a great

The purpose of journalism, after all, is to uncover the great truths and shine light in dark places.

And, if you can't do that, you write about where baby carrots come from. Or people who have already written about baby carrots.

None of this might be all that glamorous, but the public needs to know this stuff too. They have a thirst for this sort of hard-hitting news.

Why? Because knowledge is power. Because of those brave Huff Post journalists, we no longer have to feel bad when we purchase a package of

baby carrots.

Nor do we need to wonder what it must feel like to be orphaned at such a young age.

And we certainly no longer have to put them in individual little carrot cribs after we bring them

Not that I did. Because I didn't. Really.

This is great news for mankind in general but probably just the tip of the iceberg.

I suspect, even now, a crack team of Huff Post journalists is probably investigating the origins of baby cucumbers, potatoes and zucchinis. Maybe even Baby Ruth candy bars. Can you say conspiracy?

Whatever it is, it's groundbreaking stuff. They are opening a virtual Pandora's Box. And once you open that Pandora's Box, you can never put it all back in. Unless, of course, you make good use of the space given and fold

things nicely. Has anyone ever considered that? Huh? Huh? But I digress.

> Who knows what they will find?

All I know is that from here on in, I'm not assuming anything when it comes to the age of the carrots or any other veggie. I was always suspicious anyhow. I mean who has that kind of perfect skin?

Needless to say, this sort of revelation rocks

your world and changes the way you think - about baby carrots in general and Huff Post reporters in particular.

Like most folks, I quite naturally assumed that baby carrots were made when a mommy and daddy carrot loved each other very much. I thought the same about Huff Post journalists, by the way.

Now, however, I know that carrots get cut and shaped just to make them more attractive to us as consumers. On one hand I'm bothered by this. On the other, I'm flattered that carrot producers care that much.

Mostly, I'm confused. It seems like a whole lot of trouble.

OK, I know I'm now making a big deal out of nothing. But the point is this is, as I said, just the tip of the ice

If the carrot people are lying to us, then we must assume, perhaps unfairly, that almost everyone else who advertises is exaggerating the qualities of their products.

If that's true, that means the Sham-Wow should be called the ShamMeh. That's very disconcerting.

All I can say is thank goodness the journalists are the *Huffington Post* are onto to Carrotgate.

Someone had to dig deep and get to the root of this one.

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A Kidd in Reykjavik

ORD KIDD playing rock and roll very loud, Bob Penfold once declared, is the same as a dentist owning a candy factory.

Kidd makes his living as a hearing instrument specialist, a purveyor of hearing aids. The joke is that his amped-up music is to human hearing what sugar is to molars.

Penfold was introducing The 50/50Band before a Friday night Music By The Gull concert in Minden. Kidd, lead vocalist and heart of the band, has been telling the joke on himself ever since.

Once each summer, lots of folks bring their lawn chairs down to Water Street to listen to 50/50, but they hardly need to bother. When the band plays, you can hear it from just about any back porch in Minden.

50/50: Half rock, half country, the mix adjusted to suit the crowd. Maybe 20/80 some nights. A mix that, not so long ago, would not have worked in Haliburton, when Kidd's band was Kidd Country. Country sneered at rock and rock sneered right back.

Gord Kidd is a man of contradictions. Amplifiers or a cappella. Chuck Berry's Johnny B. Goode and Hank Williams' Your Cheatin' Heart. Loud noise and hearing aids. A gentle man playing explosive music. A teetotalling Baha'i singing over the tinkle of the glasses in a Legion hall.

Baha'ism, which teaches the spiritual unity of all mankind, put Kidd in Iceland to spread the word when he was only 19 years old.

There had been music before that, plenty of it. Growing Pains was all the rage in Lakefield, where Kidd grew up,

Out of high school, Kidd took his Baha'i faith to Reykjavik. Young Baha'is spread the word by example, not

by preaching. They settle in a new place, find a job and friends, and when somebody asks them what makes their lives work, they tell them about Baha'i.

Kidd was supposed to go to Fiji, but a simple change of plans put him instead in Iceland, where he met Geislie Geislierson.

Geislierson had a problem. He had a rock band ready to spread its wings, but Icelandic lyrics wouldn't get him off the island. The words would have to be sung in English, but there was too much guttural in Icelandic speech patterns to manage the English lyrics.

Which is how the new Kidd in town, who could manage English without the gutturals, became the lead singer for Geyser. Geyser won a contest and a record contract.

For a 19-year-old in Lakefield, a fiveyear contract with a record company must have seemed like a dream, but in those days a record deal gave the company absolute control.

Do exactly what you are told, play the same songs over and over again, and after a while the dream becomes a grind. But at the end of it all there was enough money to come back to Can-

> ada and make a new life. Back home at Fleming College, he studied to be a policeman and hooked up with old Growing Pains bandmate Mike O'Toole as Michael and Gordon. They made an album that still gets played on Canoe.

By now, Kidd was a family man, going to college full time and playing music, but sound so

intrigued him that he found time to study audiology.

That digression won out. Instead of being a cop, he became the first hearing instrument specialist to set up a fulltime practice in Haliburton County, where he had old friends and old ties.

But he couldn't leave music alone. At first, he played at nursing homes, as he still does. Then somebody heard of his music and invited him to take the stage at the Haliburton County Fair.

That put Kidd in a quandry, for singing, not picking, was his trade. He could could barely strum a few chords, hardly enough for a stage show.

It was Lloyd Madill who taught him to play a little better and introduced him to country music. Madill joined Kidd on stage for the Fair and brought along Charlie Hadley. Thus was Kidd Country born.

That was to have been a one-timeonly thing, but once started, Kidd Country kept going for years with an ever-changing membership. The 50/50 band brought rock into the picture.

For years before she became a jazz singer, Zoe Chilco gave 50/50 a lead female vocalist. Scott Russell of Minden still plays lead guitar. Wayne Revoy, come full circle from high school's Growing Pains, is on bass. He and drummer Leo Ryan are from Young's Point, near Lakefield.

O'Toole fills in on lead guitar when Russell is unavailable. When the venue isn't right for the full band, there's always Russell and Kidd as an alternative. At community fund-raisers, anybody who shows up becomes part of Gord Kidd and Friends.

Kidd's voice is admirable, but so is his energy. He still plays at nursing homes, often bringing along fellow hearing specialist Preeti Nichol to play with him. My wife and I often dance to their music at Hyland Crest.

There is a religious song halfway through their set and right after that a song celebrating bootleg liquor. At the end, always, is Amazing Grace. Gradually, as he sings, Kidd draws back from the microphone until he is unampli-

His voice, and his spirit, fill the room.

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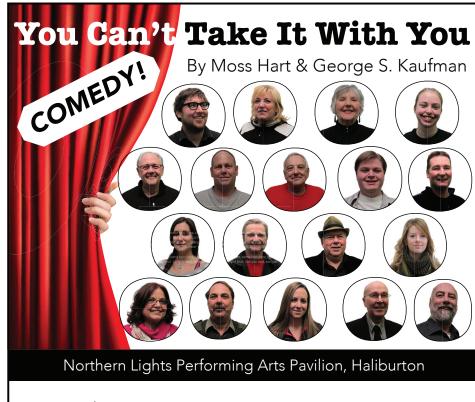
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MH to create trail master plan

Chad Ingram Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a March 13 committee of the whole meeting of Minden Hills council.

Minden Hills township will apply for Rural Economic Development (RED) funding from the province's Ministry of Rural

"Trails are a big part of our identity," said Councillor Larry Clarke, who has been working on the project. "What I'm proposing is the development of a master plan."

Clarke pointed to township assets such as Snowdon and Panorama parks and said something was needed to tie them together and make them more utilized.

The creation of a plan would require hir-

ing someone and Clarke said that 70 per cent of those costs could be covered by a RED grant. With an additional \$12,000 of funding from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, it would leave the township with a bill of about \$7,000.

Hike Haliburton to offer all-access pass

The annual Hike Haliburton Festival will offer an all-access pass for the first time this

Organizers Barrie Martin of Yours Outdoors and county tourism director Amanda Ranson made a delegation to council, updating them on what will be the 12th instalment of the county's signature event.

Last year's festival had 100 volunteers and some 1,500 participants.

Another change this year will be fewer non-hike events.

"We've come to the conclusion maybe we had too many events," Martin said.

Concerts and other non-hiking events are part of the festivities.

Cambium gets contract renewal

The township will extend its with contract Cambium Environmental Inc. for monitoring of its landfill sites for two years, covering 2014 and 2015.

The costs will be \$91,100 and \$93,535 respectively, plus \$24,000 in HST for a total of approximately \$208,000.

'Cambium Environmental has provided landfill monitoring services to the Township of Minden Hills since 2002 with the last RFP for the services going out in 2012," property and environmental operations manager Ivan Ingram wrote in a report. "They possess extensive knowledge of the landfill operations as well as providing valuable insight into Minden Hills's present and future landfill needs. Their reporting is accurate and detailed."

Valves and pipes replaced

Two check valves, two gates valves and section of piping were replaced after damage to the township's sewage system.

The valves were part of the original system, approximately 40 years old.

The replacement cost approximately \$24,500, including HST.

Council costs \$160K for 2013

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

Minden Hills council cost just shy of \$160,000 to operate for 2013.

Councillors received their expenditures for last year during a committee of the whole meeting on March 13.

Councillors Lisa Schell, Larry Clarke, Brigitte Gall, Jean Neville and Ken Redpath each received just more than \$17,260 in remuneration for the year.

With benefits, travel expenses and conference and education costs included, Schell's total was just more than \$18,000; Clarke's and Neville's about \$20,470 each; and Gall's and Redpath's each approximately \$22,260.

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch was paid \$20,460; used approximately \$2,600 in benefits, collected no travel expenses and had \$35 in conference and educational expenses (that being the fee for the county's annual municipal day) for a total of just more than \$23,260.

Reeve Barb Reid was paid \$25,570, used \$3,400 in benefits, collected \$1,680 in travel expenses and spent just less than \$1,000 on conferences and education for a total of approximately \$31,660.

The township's four-member committee of adjustment - Marilynne Lesparence. John McOuat, Richard Schell and Clarke - collected a total of approximately \$3,300 in remuneration and mileage.



Kitchener resident second winner in Cash for Care

Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO and president Varouj Eskedjian, right, reads the name of the \$500 early bird winner in the Cash for Care lottery on March 17 at the Haliburton hospital. Assisted by Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation campaign chairman Don Popple, left, the winning ballot belonged to Jan Ashton from Kitchener. The next draw for \$1,000 takes place on April 30. The lottery is now 70 per cent sold, with tickets still available for purchase. They are \$25 each or five for \$100 and can be bought by calling 705-457-1580. The final draws will take place on May 23.

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MH supports mail-out on OPP costs

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

Minden Hills township will send out notices to its taxpayers, asking them to write letters to the provincial government requesting it reconsider the new OPP billing framework set to come into effect in 2015.

Councillors made that decision easily at a March 12 meeting, a day after the upper-tier county council decided it would turn to its residents to help it lobby against the formula, which would see OPP costs for the county spike from \$3.3 million to \$8.5 million next year.

Reeve Barb Reid, who was part of a county delegation to community services minister Madeleine Meilleur at the recent Rural Ontario Municipal Association in Toronto, told her council the bottom line is neither the OPP nor the provincial government seem willing to budge on the issue, despite outcry from many municipalities across the prov-

One-hundred-ninety local governments will see their

In Minden Hills, annual police costs would increase by more than \$1 million, doubling from \$1.2 to \$2.4 million.

It would require a 20 per cent property tax hike to absorb. "The Liberal stronghold of the GTA happens to have a lot

of seasonal votes," said Reid, adding it was important for property owners to copy their home MPPs on correspondence to the Premier and Meilleur. "The idea is to inundate Queen's Park with thousands of letters asking the government to at least pause and reconsider."

The reeve said there are Toronto MPPs who have no idea how severely many rural communities are being impacted by the proposed billing model.

Reid sits on the Association of Municipalities of Ontario steering committee on OPP billing and has said while municipalities are permitted to create their own forces or joint ones with adjacent townships, that option looks unfeasible, with costs in the range of \$700 per household.

The proposed formula attempts to equalize OPP payments at \$369 per household.

Just how the current model works, how costs got to where they are today and why billing seems to be so uneven has not been fully explained by the province.

Including its seasonal residents, Minden Hills has a population of about 15,000.

It's not inexpensive," Reid said of the mail-out, which would send a notice to each household on the tax roll.

It will cost the township approximately \$5,500, which Councillor Ken Redpath pointed out paled in comparison to the hit taxpayers would be taking if the model goes through as is.

The only municipality more affected than Haliburton County would be the District of Muskoka, which would see its collective annual policing costs jump from \$9.7 to \$17

The new billing formula would be a regulation change, and therefore does not have to go the floor of the legislature at Queen's Park for approval.

It is expected the county's other three townships will follow Minden Hills's lead at their next scheduled meeting. Haliburton County has a section on its website explaining how the proposed formula would affect residents.

Township seeks Trillium grant for renovations at Gelert hall

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

Minden Hills township will be seeking an Ontario Trillium grant for renovations to the Gelert hall.

Township councillors discussed the grant application for the aging building during their March 13 committee of the whole meeting.

A report from property and environmental operations manager Ivan Ingram estimated the cost of a full renovation of the building at \$187,000.

That would include everything from foundational repair to new windows and furnace, the drilling of a new well, a new septic tank and tile bed, floor refinishing, drywall and insulation, wheelchair accessibility and the remediation of mould and bat guano.

Ontario Trillium Foundation grants typically provide 50 per cent funding for project costs. If the township is successful in its application, it will still have to pay for half.

Councillor Ken Redpath said he thought it was foolish for the township to spend that kind of money on a building where a few people play cards, especially with the Minden Hills Community Centre not far away.

"Is this a good spend?" Redpath asked, questioning whether there was enough use of the building.

Demolishing the building would cost approximately \$30,000, but a survey conducted by the township last year indicated many residents in Ward 3, the former Snowdon township, want the building maintained.

Councillor Brigitte Gall wondered if there should be more conversation with the community, to see what services residents might be able to offer.

Ward 3 Councillor Jean Neville said she'd spoken to contractors who would be wiling to do work.

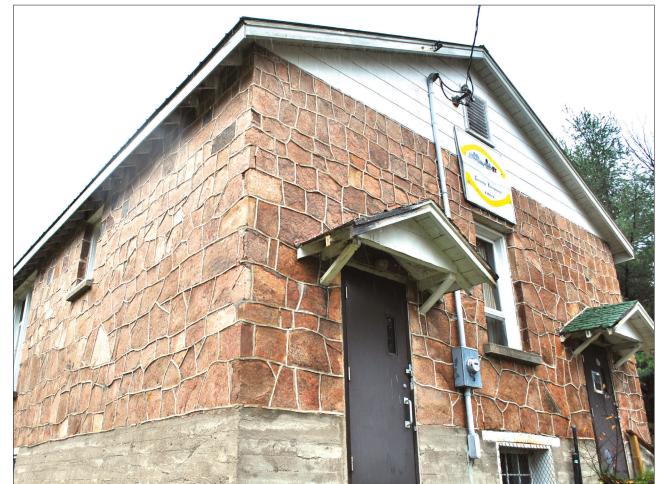
'The electricity was going to be done pro bono," Neville said. "That's how we're used to doing things in this commu-

The hall in Gelert, along with those in Lochlin and Irondale, receives little funding from Minden Hills township and is maintained largely by volunteers who do fundrais-

"There are people that are willing to put in the time and put in their expertise," Neville said. "There's a lot of people that do think this is worth it."

The installation of the septic tank would also be done free

"I can't go on a verbal understanding," Ingram said, adding he has no confirmation in writing of any of these offers.



Chad Ingram Staff

Minden Hills council will apply for an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant for renovations to the Gelert hall, including the remediation of mould and bat guano. The building has been closed to the public for two years. Councillor Ken Redpath questions whether the township should be spending any money on the aging building.

Reeve Barb Reid said she hadn't realized that the township would be responsible for half the project costs.

This does change things a lot," Reid said. "We shouldn't be considering this in isolation."

Ingram said he could revise the work list to get the total project cost down to \$100,000.

Minden Hills has \$38,000 in a reserve for the hall and Reid suggested that if the community could raise another \$12,000, the township could use that collective \$50,000 to match \$50,000 from a Trillium grant.

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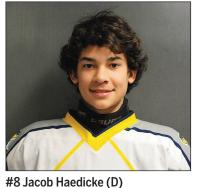


















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Times welcomes new reporter

Zach Cox's parents got one of their first glimpses of their son's interest in politics on the cusp of the Conservative victory in the 2003 federal election.

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at the HHSS gym foyer

His interest in world events has stuck with him and, combined with a passion for writing, led him to journalism.

Not that the path has been that obvious. After graduating from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Cox decided to go to the University of Waterloo for engineer-

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organization and adult captains.

ing, rather than head into reporting. He enjoyed physics classes

in high school and thought joining the UW co-op program would keep his student debt to a minimum.

"I actually really enjoyed it. I learned a ton and met great people," he said. "It's an awesome program, but it's not for me."

After one semester, Cox left Waterloo, came home to the Highlands and applied to Trent University's journalism program.

He also popped by the Fleming CREW office in Haliburton, which helps people find work and provides employers with incentives to hire and train youth.

Cox wanted to work at the Haliburton Echo and Minden Times, and employment and training consultant Kim Quigley made the connection.

The 19-year-old sees journalism as a chance to travel, experience a breadth of new things and shape the way people see the world.



Zach Cox is the newest editorial addition to the Haliburton County Echo and Minden Times staff. Cox is excited to be part of the team and is looking forward to attending the Trent University and Loyalist College joint program with a focus on journalism.

> While he has never left Canada, Cox has already been active in the local and international community. He worked for four years with the Haliburton Highlands tourism office, is a member of the youth advisory council for the Toronto 2015 Pan Am/ Parapan American Games and has volunteered with Canoe FM since March, 2012.



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Airport project changes to save costs

Staff reporter

In an effort to save taxpayer dollars, Algonquin Highlands council has made some changes to the airport project after tenders for hangar construction came in higher than

At a special meeting of council held on March 13, councillors and staff met with representatives from Burnside and Associates Limited, to discuss savings with the civil and electrical components of the project.

An estimated \$567,000 will be saved from the project's total cost after council agreed to modifications to the airport plan, including eliminating one of the taxiways.

Consultant Mike Osborne of Burnside and Associates presented council with a number of suggestions for cost saving measures, including reducing the parking lot from 35 spaces to 25 and eliminating the surface treatment from

Chad Ingram Staff reporter

than \$100,000 to operate for 2013.

ing their March 12 meeting.

Including per diem, mileage and other expenses, Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch was paid \$9,600 for the year; Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid approximately \$10,240; Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton \$10,730; Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey approximately \$11,260; Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge about \$11,500; Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis approximately \$12,600; Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danieslen just more than \$13,350; and Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, who served as warden last year, approximately \$21,500.

Payments at the upper tier are separate from compensation councillors receive from their lower-tier townships.

The expenditures do not include those for registered conferences, which are paid directly by the municipality.

The members of the county's library board cost just more than \$3,000 in expenditures; the land division committee \$3,200; the tourism committee \$1,500 and the accessibility

Other savings came from eliminating asphalt from the parking lot and removing the east end of one of the airport's

Councillors opted not to make minor electrical changes to the hangar buildings, as the savings were minimal and the revisions were not recommended by Osborne, as it could cost the township more money down the road.

'We don't want to nickel and dime the project into uselessness," said Reeve Carol Moffatt.

While the township had budgeted \$1.2 million for the construction of four hangars, based on numbers given to them from Burnside and Associates, the tenders came in significantly higher, with the lowest bid at \$1.66 million.

The hangars are basic buildings, which left little room for price adjustment, said Don McNalty of Burnside and Asso-

'They are a shell, not many frills there," he said. In defence of the contractors, McNalty said when sub-

mitting a tender price there are things beyond their control, such as fuel and steel prices.

Councillors expressed their disappointment with the total cost of the hangar construction, however, were pleased to have found savings in other areas.

'We're the ones who have to stand at lake meetings all summer and explain it," said Moffatt.

They accepted a tender for the hangar construction from TaskForce Engineering, a firm from Belleville, in the amount of \$1,662,570.

The total cost for the airport project is now estimated at approximately \$3.2 million.

The township is completing site preparation for a \$12 million fire response base the MNR is building at the air-

Funds for the project are coming from the Building Canada Fund, which offers two-thirds dollars, up to a total of

County council costs \$100,000

Haliburton County council cost taxpayers a little more

Members of the county's finance and correspondence committee received council expenditures for last year dur-

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He's played with the likes of the Jimmy Dorsey Band, Big Joe Turner and Faron Young. Vest also wrote the first songs ever recorded by Tammy Wynette.

David's obvious influences include Memphis Slim, Champion Jack Dupree, and Amos Milburn. Although he's a bluesman to the bone, his playing also reminds people of early Fats Domino and Jerry Lee Lewis.

David Vest was voted the Maple Blues 2012 Piano Player of the Year, and as a blues singer he has a nicely-weathered, unpretentious voice that perfectly complements his intricate playing.

For the Minden gig Vest will be backed by a top-notch band featuring the great Teddy Leonard (Fathead) on guitar, Gary Kendall (Downchild) on bass and Mike Fitzpatrick (Downchild), drums.



Visit the Times website during the week for news updates including stories written as soon as council meetings are over.

David Vest was voted the Maple Blues 2012 piano player of the year and will be tickling the ivories at The Dominion Hotel this Saturday night.

Tickets for the March 22 date at the Dominion Hotel are \$25 in advance or \$34 at the door (tax incl). First of two sets starts at 8:30 p.m. You can obtain your tickets by calling the hotel at 705-286-6954 or at MadeInHaliburton.ca

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March Breaking at cultural centre

Zach Cox Staff reporter

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre hosted a week of events over the March Break for children aged seven to 12. From Monday, March 10 to Friday, March 14, each day consisted of a morning art program instructed by Sarah Jowett, a lunchtime movie and an afternoon environment program instructed by Jaklin Casper. Wednesday morning's program, Digitized, had the attendees posing for photographs while in various action stances; from swimming imaginary seas to climbing imaginary mountains. The images were printed off, the kids cut out their figures and pasted them into hand drawn marker, pencil, and pastel worlds where they swam seas of foxes and climbed erupting volcanoes.



Ethan Chartrand carefully cuts out a picture of himself during the Digitized March Break program held at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Wednesday, March 12.



Miranda Halfyard strikes a pose for the camera.



Laurie Carmount, curator of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, snaps a picture of Miranda Halfyard during Digitized, one of the programs held at the cultural centre over the March Break



Sarah Jowett, instructor of the morning March Break programs at the Minden Cultural Centre, gives Owen Newell some ideas as he draws a volcano during the Digitized program on Wednesday, March 12.

Photos by Zach Cox



Storm concede first game of finals



The Minden arena was packed on March 15 as friends and family came out to cheer on the Highland Storm Bantam A team in their first game of the OMHA all Ontario finals against Mount Brydges. The game was a nail biter as back and forth scoring chances kept the goalies busy. The Mount Brydges Cougars won with a final score of 4-3.. /Angelica Blenich

The Highland Storm Smolen Dentistry Bantam As lost Game 1 of the best three out of five to Mount Brydges by a

The game started off with players being introduced by Rick Lowes and then Storm players skated over and shook hands and presented Mount Brydges with a gift bag. Then Kayla Bird did an amazing job singing O Canada in front of a jam-packed crowd at the S.G. Nesbitt arena. The puck then dropped and seven seconds into the game Matt Wilbee scored on a pass from Owen Smitty Smith. Cougars managed to beat Storm's goalie Parker Smolen at the 6:46 mark of the first period. Then eight seconds later Storm's Chase Burden fired a shot by their tender assisted by Greg Crofts and Mark Saville to make it 2-1. Cougars tied it up at two at the 12:22 mark in the second.

Cougars then took the lead at 8:14 in the third and then

Storm tied it up with 3:19 left in the game on a goal by Nolan Flood assisted by Ethan Keefer and Mark Saville. Then Cougars finished the game off at the 1:41 mark to give them the win. Storm travels to Mount Brydges next weekend for games 2 and 3 and then will hopefully be coming back home for games 4 and 5 in Haliburton if need be on March 29 at 6 p.m. and March 30 at 1:30.

Special thanks to the people and businesses who have donated to help out with the costs of the coach bus. Still some seats available on the bus if anyone is interested. Special thanks to Rick Lowes for doing the announcing and to Kayla Bird for singing the national anthem. Also to the newspapers for coming out to the game and Charlie Teljeur for recording it.

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Atom A sad to see season end

The Peppermilll Atom A team wasn't victorious over Listowel I the semi-finals, but success can be measured in so many ways! We had a great group of players:

Alex Little #2 Defence Dylan Keefer #1 Goalie Tim Turner #19 Forward Tyler Martin #16 Forward Cody Martin #4 Forward Colin Glecoff # 8 Defence Brenden Newhook #17 Centre Cole Prentice# 18 Defence Joe Boice #3 Centre Aaron Bellefleur#15 Defense Jake Sisson#14 Forward

Coach: Tim Keefer, Assistant Coaches Barry Boice and Jeff Martin, Trainer Greg Turner

As coach Tim Keefer stated many times before "we went further than we first thought we would" and the boys each improved in many ways from the start of the season.

We had our sponsor wrap up party at the Peppermill on Sunday. A huge thank you goes out to Greg and Lisa Turner for their sponsorship and support all season.

Tim Keefer gave a wonderful speech and made all the players feel special for their accomplishments this year. He gave a huge shout out to the team parents for the support and cooperative spirit we all had for the team. For a team to be successful it matters very much that the parents are



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backing the team 100 per cent.

When the party was over no one wanted to leave. It was sad to see it over for another year! Thank you to everyone who supported our team this year in one way or another, we sure appreciated it!

Until next fall!

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Here at the old farmhouse it has seemed with the exception of Tuesday morning a quiet week for me. The most exciting change has been switching to GAIN (Flings) devergent pods in our cold water laundry.

While there is a slight, pleasant scent to clothes and bedding thankfully those three purple robed gospel singers from the T.V. commercial have not yet invaded our privacy.

March Break Craft Morning sponsored by the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild was great fun. Some 25 youngsters painted, pasted, learned how to finger knit and created cupcakes liberally sprinkled with spring colours.

Speaking of colours local musician/teacher Vivian Hetherington called to confirm the order of the rainbow hues in last week's column and shared a delightful song by composer Roy G. Biv (Alfred Publishing Co.) about them.

Is it a coincidence that he chose that subject for his lyrics? Doubtful when the letters of his name follow that order as well.

The quarterly meeting of Friends of Galway (FOG) will be held this Friday, March 21 at 7 p.m. in the Galway Hall. Everyone who has an interest in the history of Galway Township is welcome to attend this informal get together.

At the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 Kinmount on Saturday, March 22 the open darts tournament begins with registration at 9 a.m. and a 10 a.m. start of competition. Open to both Legion members and non-members the cost is \$40 for a team of four players and \$10 for a two-person team for doubles.

There will be prizes and food available. To reserve a spot call Wayne at 705-488-1353. Also on Saturday, March 22 at 8 p.m. it's open mike featuring Dan Nickel and friends. Scott Gartshore and Dirt Road return Sunday, March 30 from 1 to 5 p.m. with a \$7 admission charge for this open mike jamboree.

Ongoing events at the Branch include cards, Friday bingos and the Saturday afternoon meat draw. For more details on events, membership and hall rentals call 705-488-3462.

There will be a free one on one adult computer workshop at the Kinmount Library on Thursday, March 20 from 1 to 4 p.m. For the youngsters Crafty Saturday starts at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 22 but please register in advance by calling 705-488-3199 to ensure that adequate space and supplies are available.

The third annual Kinmount Bursary Dinner and Auction held on Feb. 8 was a great success raising \$11,000 for this worthwhile project. Forms are available at the Kinmount Pharmacy for bursary fund support to residents living within a 15-kilometre radius of Kinmount and applying for their first or second year of post secondary education at a University, College or Trade School.

Candidates must have a satisfactory overall academic standing and have already been awarded OSAP funding. The application deadline is May 31.

A special note of appreciation goes to the Kinmount Legion Branch 441 and the Kinmount and District Lions Club for their significant financial support and to Kinmount pharmacist Khosrow Eshkour whose leadership in initiating and continuing this community endeavour is recognised.

Mark your calendars now for the annual Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development on Saturday, April 26 at the fully accessible Galway Hall.

This major event raises funds for beautification projects in our community and donations are gratefully accepted for the live, silent and country auctions.

Tickets are available by calling Diane at 705-488-2635 and donations can also be arranged through this number. Although the end of April may seem a distance away tickets to this popular evening sell quickly.

Bruce advises that today (Tuesday) is Worldwide Water Day and here in Canada and cottage country we are most fortunate in our resources. Their protection must be a priority. Once again no big lottery win so until next week...

County card scores

March 10 euchre at Staanworth Terrace: Winning for high hands was our reporter Sherin Brown, for lone hands Albert Foster, for low hands Joan Riel and for the special prize Joan Meadows.

March 11 contract bridge at Club 35: The top trio members were Frank Schlotter 4,390,Kathie Porter 3,960 and Pearl Foster 3,780. Ross Fletcher won the draw and Doreen DeGrave received the Shiny Penny.

March 11 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Nancy Ballantyne reports that top marks went to Alan Scriven at 4,940 then David Gray 3,920 and Ray McArthur 3,680. David Gray also teamed up with Dave Heaven for a Small Slam.

March 11 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: For the gents Bruce Shepheard was high and Ralph Young low with Irene McDowell taking top marks for the ladies and Rae Shepheard low. Nancy McPherson also reports that Harold Harvie won for most lone hands.

March 11 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Dana Briscoe 264, Vi Howell 263, Clare Obdam 255 and Theresa Deak 229. First for the gents at 275 was Dorothy McElwain followed by Bob Pollard 260 and tied for third place at 259 Ida Young and Marcel Roussel. Archie Ross had the single moonshot while Tom Grix won the major draw with Bruce Medcalf and Pat Roussel claiming the smaller prizes. Thanks to Betty Wagar for this update.

March 11 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: In first place were Pam Pappas and George Hamilton 435 then Joan Bell partnered with Sandy Poulton 360. John Platt and Connie Sawyer took third spot at 356 while Eleanor Lymer and Anne Manning posted the afternoon's low of 187. Thanks to Pearl Cowen for this news.

March 12 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Gord Cochrane and Peter O'Connor led at 58 percent then Ross Fletcher partnered with Jackie Metcalf a close second at 57 percent.

March 12 bid euchre at Stanhope: pink honours went to Jean Dutka 354, Penny Elliott 294 and margaret Oetelaar 227. Our reporter Linda Lambert topped the whites at 280 then Jason Peacock 271 and Al McMullen 270 while single moonshots went to Jean Dutka, Linda Lambert with Jason Peacock and Al McMullen each taking two.

March 13 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre:

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Fridays we serve fish and chips at lunch and at supper from 5 to 7 p.m. Wings and fries are also available for supper on Friday. Takeouts are available.

These lunches are very important to the financial stability of our Branch.

We also serve meals during the meetings of Rotary Club, birthday parties and other private functions which take place at the Branch.

It's very important for our members to volunteer a few hours as a cook or server, particularly during the next two weeks while Hospitality Chairperson Thelma Lee is away on holi-

Even someone who is not a member of the Minden Legion would be welcome and several of our most faithful volunteers are not members yet.

You can volunteer once a month or once a week, or whatever suits your schedule.

The Minden Legion has lots of activities, most of which are free or only have a small fee. If you have a talent to share or wish to learn a craft, the Creative Crew would love to have you join us any Thursday morning at 10 a.m. At the present time we have five members and hope to grow. We crafters are a sharing, caring, friendly group.

We have a great time and our discussions are very lively at times. We look forward to your ideas and any materials you would like to donate. For information you can call Judy at

Also on Thursdays, ladies can play darts in the afternoon, and in the evening Euchre is open to everyone. Friday night darts start at 7 p.m. - you are welcome as a spectator or a spare player.

Saturdays are normally closed unless there is a private function.

If you would like to reserve for a spring or summer wedding shower, anniversary etc, you can drop in or call the branch 705-286-4541 during regular business hours Monday to Friday from 11 am to 5:30 p.m.

Šunday afternoon is becoming a popular sports day. Last week NASCAR races were delayed by rain, but there are three TVs so fans watched baseball, basketball, curling or other

In honour of St Patrick's Day, Wendy Bolt prepared cupcakes with green icing!

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Card scores

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Leading ladies were Phyllis Windsor 285, Pat Roussel 250, Theresa Deak 247 and tied for fourth at 239 Pat Norman and Joyce Noble. First for the gents at 265 was John Deak foll-lowed by Marcel Roussel 255, Jesse Barlow 250 and Kevin Maloney 228. Bev Johnson further reports that Karin Harrison held the hidden score, Clare Obdam won for call 1 and moonshots struck Ida Young, Theresa Deak, Albert Foster and Maria Tschida.

March 13 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Bev Johnson and Bob Pollard with Pearl Cowen and Jesse Barlow posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Elaine Smith and Jim Bradbury while Bob Pollard, Murray Daniels, Bev Johnson, Elaine Smith and our reporter May Bradbury took home the other prizes.

March 14 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Winning for high hands was our reporter Shirley Howe, for lone hands Jason Peacock, for low hands Cathy Howe and for the special draw Sherin Brown.

March 14 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Plaving Howell Gord Cochrane and Peter O'Connor were first at 70 percent then Helen Baker and Kathie Porter 60 percent. Thanks to Muriel McIntosh for three sets of scores.

March 14 bid euchre at Club 35: Jean Dutka reports that Pat Marshall led the pinks at 212 followed by Margaret Oetelaar 161 and Clara Miscio 136. At 169 Al McMullen claimed top marks for the whites then Garth Windsor 160 and Linda Voycey 141 while Ann Mann held the hidden score.

March 15 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Leading ladies were Theresa Deak 360, Pat Roussel 276, Vi Howell 246 and Pearl Cowen 234. At 338 Marcel Roussel topped the gents then Jason Peacock 323, Tom Grix 256 and Karin Harrison 254. Single moonshots landed on Marcel Roussel, Archie Ross, Karin Harrison and our reporter Bev Johnson with Ida Young, Theresa Deak and Jason Peacock each taking two.

March 17 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Tim Sharpe reports that the lone hand holders were Barbara Braithwaite and Lillian Mann with Margaret Fletcher and Lorna Hicks posting the high scores. The afternoon's low went to Don Blakey while Betty Sharpe won the special prize.

March 17 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top trio members were Pauline Franzen 338, Vic Ballik 321 and Phyllis Windsor 282. Rose Isaacson also reports that Gala Newell won the draw and took a moonshot along with Marcy

March 17 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Sherin Brown reports that Shirley Howe won for high hands, Lillian Mann for lone hands, Jean Randell for low hands and John Sparks for the special prize.

March 17 euchre at Club 35: Holding the most lone hands was Al McMullen with Anne Manning and our reporter Garth Windsor posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Clara Miscio and Jean Dutka with Garth also claiming the

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Mary Legere (nee Shier)

Passed away quietly at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Friday, March 14, 2014.

Beloved wife of Bob Seymour of Carnarvon. Loving mother to Lisa Theis (Robert) and Catherine Legere (Michael Katz). Nana to Nicholas, Samantha and Dalton. Cherished sister of Beth, Kenneth and Andrea Shier.

Will be missed by Rob, Shelley, Julie, Denise and Tim Seymour, and many good friends and family members. A special thank you to the exceptional and kind staff at Hyland Crest who became part of Mom's family. Mary will be remembered for her gentle personality, sense of humour and love of animals. She enjoyed walking in the forest, reading a good book and listening to music. Mary was talented in many spheres, including business, writing and giving the world's best hugs!! She had a big heart and generous spirit that touched the lives of many. We will miss you.

In accordance with Mary's wishes, cremation has taken place. A celebration of Mary's life will take place on Saturday, May 10th between 1:00 and 4:00

pm at the Minden Legion. All are welcome to drop by and join us as we honour Mary's life

Memorial Donations to the Alzheimer's Society of Ontario would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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Stanislaw "Stan" Cius ~

Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Monday, March 17, 2014 with his loving family by his side. In his 94th

Beloved husband of Johanna, father of Eric Cius of Minden, Linda (Michael) Matthews of Peterborough, Steven (Sara) Cius of Peterborough, James Cius of Minden. Grandfather of Ryan (Julie) Matthews of Bridgenorth and Opa to Sam Matthews. Lovingly remembered by his family and friends in Peterborough

Toronto, Poland and Austria. Please join the family for a Celebration of Stan's Life in the Fireside Room at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, 6 McPherson St., Minden, on Monday, March 24, 2014 beginning at

11:00 am. Refreshments will be served. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Hyland Crest Residents Council would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon a. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden,



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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 from 11:00 am until

the time of the combined Royal Canadian Legion Br. 441 Service and the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 1:00 pm. Cremation to follow.

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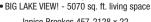


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3 Bdrm home w/full

+ shop, **(**a) Drilled Septic & propane furnace Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29

Attacher



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